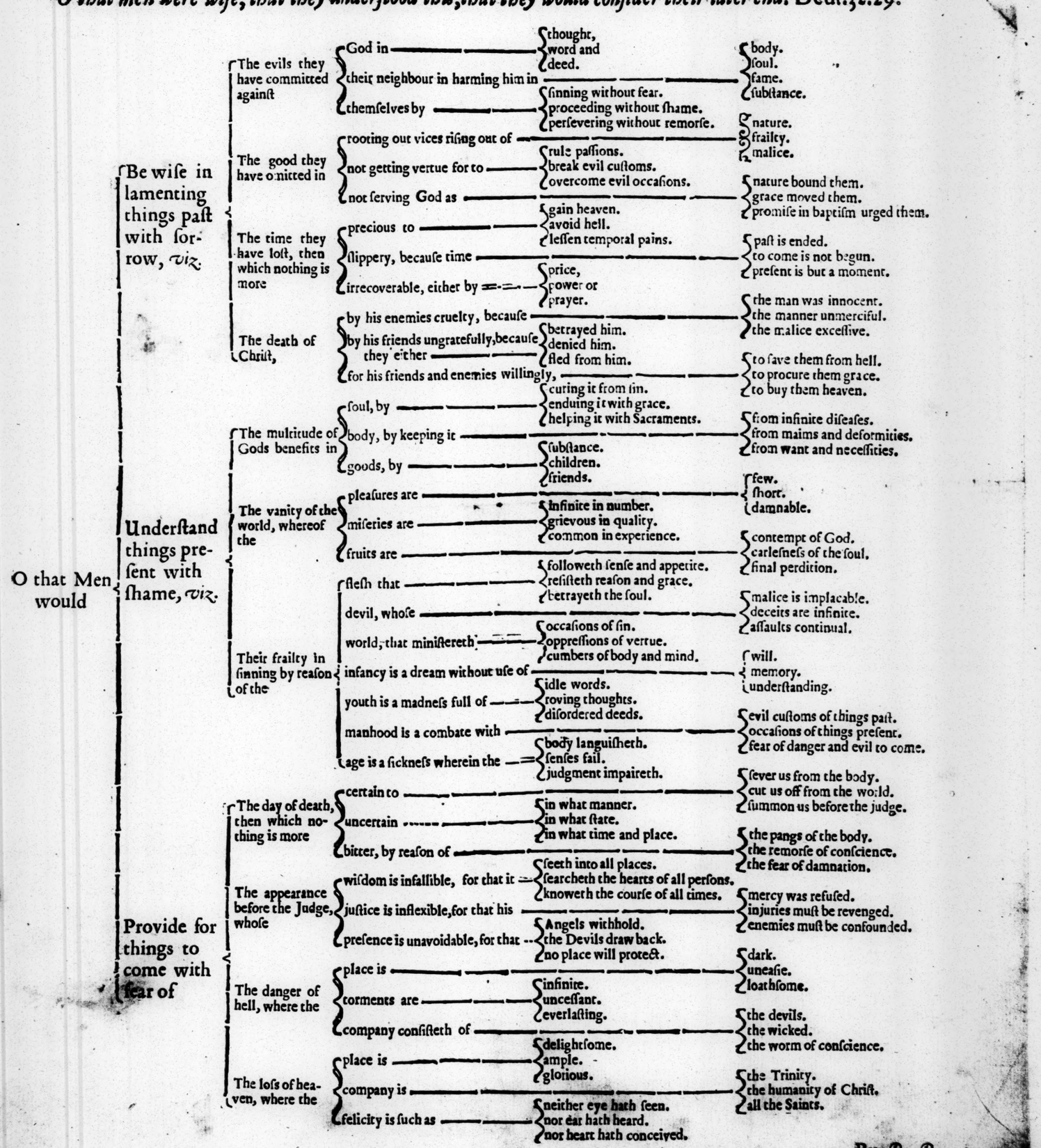
The Redemption of Time:

OR,

A WORD TO THE WISE;

Perſwading and earneſtly entreating them, as they tender the Salvation of their Souls to all eternity, to mind the time paſt, preſent, and to come, before it be too late; drawn from thoſe pathetical words of *Moſes*, ***O that men were wiſe, that they underſtood this, that they would conſider their later end.*** Deut. 32. 29.


O that Men would
Be wiſe in lamenting things paſt with ſorrow, viz.
The evils they have committed againſt
God in — thought, word and deed.
their neighbour in harming him in — body. ſoul. fame. ſubſtance.
themſelves by — ſinning without fear. proceeding without ſhame. perſevering without remorſe.
The good they have omitted in
rooting out vices riſing out of — nature. frailty. malice.
not getting vertue for to — rule paſſions. break evil cuſtoms. overcome evil occaſions.
not ſerving God as — nature bound them. grace moved them. promiſe in baptiſm urged them.
The time they have loſt, then which nothing is more
precious to — gain heaven. avoid hell. leſſen temporal pains.
ſlippery, becauſe time — paſt is ended. to come is not begun. preſent is but a moment.
irrecoverable, either by — price, power or prayer.
The death of Chriſt,
by his enemies cruelty, becauſe — the man was innocent. the manner unmerciful. the malice exceſſive.
by his friends ungratefully, becauſe they either — betrayed him. denied him. fled from him.
for his friends and enemies willingly, — to ſave them from hell. to procure them grace. to buy them heaven.
Underſtand things preſent with ſhame, viz.
The multitude of Gods benefits in
ſoul, by — curing it from ſin. enduing it with grace. helping it with Sacraments.
body, by keeping it — from infinite diſeaſes. from maims and deformities. from want and neceſſities.
goods, by — ſubſtance. children. friends.
The vanity of the world, whereof the
pleaſures are — few. ſhort. damnable.
miſeries are — infinite in number. grievous in quality. common in experience.
fruits are — contempt of God. carleſneſs of the ſoul. final perdition.
Their frailty in ſinning by reaſon of the
flesh that — followeth ſenſe and appetite. reſiſteth reaſon and grace. betrayeth the ſoul.
devil, whoſe — malice is implacable. deceits are infinite. aſſaults continual.
world, that miniſtereth — occaſions of ſin. oppreſſions of vertue. cumbers of body and mind.
infancy is a dream without uſe of — will. memory. underſtanding.
youth is a madneſs full of — idle words. roving thoughts. diſordered deeds.
manhood is a combate with — evil cuſtoms of things paſt. occaſions of things preſent. fear of danger and evil to come.
age is a ſickneſs wherein the — body languiſheth. ſenſes fail. judgment impaireth.
Provide for things to come with fear of
The day of death, then which nothing is more
certain to — ſever us from the body. cut us off from the world. ſummon us before the judge.
uncertain — in what manner. in what ſtate. in what time and place.
bitter, by reaſon of — the pangs of the body. the remorſe of conſcience. the fear of damnation.
The appearance before the Judge, whoſe
wiſdom is infallible, for that it — ſeeth into all places. ſearcheth the hearts of all perſons. knoweth the courſe of all times.
juſtice is inflexible, for that his — mercy was refuſed. injuries muſt be revenged. enemies muſt be confounded.
preſence is unavoidable, for that — Angels withhold. the Devils draw back. no place will protect.
The danger of hell, where the
place is — dark. uneaſie. loathſome.
torments are — infinite. unceſſant. everlaſting.
company conſiſteth of — the devils. the wicked. the worm of conſcience.
The loſs of heaven, where the
place is — delightſome. ample. glorious.
company is — the Trinity. the humanity of Chriſt. all the Saints.
felicity is ſuch as — neither eye hath ſeen. nor ear hath heard. nor heart hath conceived.

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